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In re application of:

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Invention: System and Method for State
Preservation in a Stretch Cluster

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections. Applicants note that this response is timely in that it is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 on Monday, September 27, 2004, which is the first business day following September 25, 2004, which was a Saturday.